



**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): NICHOLAS ET AL.

Examiner: Not Assigned

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For: ANASTOMOSIS INSTRUMENT AND METHOD

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P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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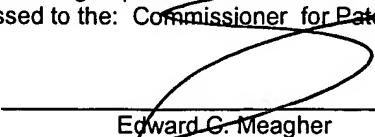
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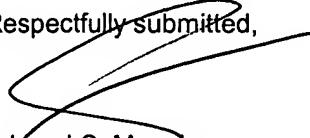
  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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MAILSTOP: NON-Fee Amendment

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified continuation application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.